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1. SECDEF BROWN DID NOT RPT. NOT AGREE TO TWO MEETINGS
ON NATO AEW, AND THE POSSIBILITY WAS NOT DISCUSSED. UK
EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS DISCLOSED UK NATO'S REPORT OF
MARCH 18 DPC WHICH HAS GERMANS AGREEING TO MARCH 25
MEETING AND SUGGESTING FOLLOW-UP FINANCIAL EXPERTS
MEETING TO COMPLETE DETAILS. UK EMBOFF SAID THIS
SEEMED REASONABLE.

2. WASHINGTON HAS NEVER PUSHED FOR SPECIAL DPC MEETING
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IN MARCH TO DISCUSS NATO AWACS. MOD MULLEY DID, AND
SECDEF IS WILLING TO TAKE TIME OUT OF HIS FULL SCHEDULE
TO ATTEND. INDEED, AS NOTED REF. B, SECDEF MADE CLEAR TO
LEBER HE UNDERSTOOD MULLEY WAS ASKING FOR MEETING AND
WE WERE PREPARED TO ATTEND. MOREOVER, BRITISH HAVE TOLD
US UK HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED MEETING. LEBER ALSO SEEMS
WILLING TO ATTEND. DURING THIS WEEK'S MEETING HERE IN

WASHINGTON, NEITHER LEBER NOR HIS ASSOCIATES GAVE US
REASON TO BELIEVE FRG IS SEEKING A SCAPEGOAT.

3. MULLEY HAS TIMING PROBLEM WHICH HE SAYS HE CANNOT
MANAGE BEYOND MONTH'S END. US CONTINUES TO GIVE NATO
AEW ITS FULL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT. SECDEF IS PREPARED
TO GO TO BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK TO DO HIS UTMOST TO ASSIST
THE ALLIANCE TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL ALLIANCE SOLUTION.

4. SEPTELS CONVEY US POSITION AT SPECIAL MINISTERIAL
MEETING AND ALSO ADDRESS SPECIAL UK CONCERNS RAISED
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